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SUBJ: SADC'S FUTURE

REF: A. WINDHOEK 2413, B. STATE 261031 (NOTAL)

[11](#). (C) ZIMBABWE SEES THE CREATION OF THE NEW SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY (SADC) AS A FIRST STEP TOWARD AN EFFECTIVE REGIONAL TRADING BLOC. MFA ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS NELSON CHICHAYA TOLD POLOFF THAT ZIMBABWE RECOGNIZES THAT SOUTH AFRICA MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE SADC FOR THE REGIONAL GROUP TO FLOURISH.

[12](#). (C) CHICHAYA SAID THAT PRESIDENTS MASIRE AND MUGABE DID NOT AND WOULD NOT SUPPORT ANY MERGER WITH THE PREFERENTIAL TRADE AREA FOR EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA (PTA). THEY BELIEVE THE PTA IS TOO LARGE AND HAS TOO MANY UNSTABLE MEMBERS TO BE AN EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION. MFA REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OFFICER MANGWANA TOLD THE AID DIRECTOR THAT THE SADC SUMMIT COMMISSIONED A STUDY ON "HARMONIZING" SADC-PTA RELATIONS, EXPLICITLY RECOGNIZING THAT BOTH WILL CONTINUE TO EXIST SO THEY NEED TO STUDY HOW TO AVOID DUPLICATION. THE GOZ ENVISIONS AN AFRICAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY WHICH WOULD BE COMPOSED OF FOUR OR FIVE REGIONAL TRADING ORGANIZATIONS.

[13](#). (LOU) MISSION OFFICERS HAVE REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS WITH OTHER SENIOR GOZ OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE SADC. WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SEE THEM UNTIL THE END OF AUGUST AFTER THE ZIMBABWEAN DELEGATION HAS PREPARED ITS REPORT FOR THE CABINET.

[14](#). (LOU) THE MISSION CONGRATULATES WINDHOEK ON ITS REPORT ON THE SADC SUMMIT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING COPIES OF THE CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS.

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